

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

Modification of Mail Classification Schedule
Regarding Certain Ancillary Services

Docket No. MC2013-28

PUBLIC REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS ON POSTAL SERVICE
NOTICE OF MINOR CLASSIFICATION CHANGE CONCERNING
CERTAIN ANCILLARY SERVICES

(January 18, 2013)

The Public Representative hereby provides comments pursuant to Order No. 1614.¹ In that Order, the Commission established the above referenced docket to receive comments from interested persons, including the undersigned Public Representative, on a Postal Service Notice of minor changes to the Mail Classification Schedule (MCS) related to the descriptions of a number of market dominant Ancillary [Special] Services.² Attachment A to the Notice presents the changes to the text of the service descriptions in the MCS for the affected Ancillary Services. *Id.* Attachment A.

The Postal Service proposes to amend the MCS by changing the name of the “Delivery Confirmation” service to “USPS Tracking” service. *Id.* at 1. In addition to the name change, the Postal Service also proposes to make grammatical corrections, update product names, and add new text to the service description of the new USPS Tracking service, as well as the following Ancillary Services, including: Certified Mail, Certificate of Mailing, Collect on Delivery, Insurance, Merchandise Return Service, Registered Mail, Return Receipt, Return Receipt for Merchandise, Restricted Delivery, Signature Confirmation, and Special Handling services. *Id.* at 2 n.2. With respect to a number of the Ancillary Services, the Commission requests supplemental information

¹ PRC Order No. 1614, Notice and Order Concerning Minor Classification Change Related to Certain Ancillary Services, January 10, 2013.

² Notice of the United States Postal Service of Minor Classification Changes Related to Certain Ancillary Services, January 8, 2013, at 1 (Notice).

concerning the time period that the Postal Service will retain a record of successful delivery. Order No. 1614 at 2.

The Postal Service maintains that the proposed changes “more accurately describe[] the services that customers currently receive, and improvements to the Postal Service’s tracking and electronic notification capabilities.” *Id.* at 2. The Postal Service requests Commission approval of these proposed changes by January 27, 2013, so that the changes will take effect at the same time as the recently approved “generally applicable” price changes for market dominant products.³

COMMENTS

The Public Representative recommends Commission approval of the classification changes to these Ancillary Services. The Public Representative considers the Postal Service’s proposed changes to be consistent with 39 C.F.R. §§ 3020.90 and 3020.91 given that the changes do not appear likely to affect the cost or market characteristics of the Ancillary Services product.

The Public Representative respectfully submits the foregoing comments for the Commission’s consideration.

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³ *Id.* at 2; PRC Order No. 1541, Order on Price Adjustments for Market Dominant Products and Related Mail Classification Changes, November 16, 2012.